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SUBJECT: OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM BRIBERY CASE

REF: CARACAS 11721

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. ON NOVEMBER 12 COPEI DEPUTY LEONARDO FERRER, A MEMBER OF THE BICAMERAL CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING THE OCCIDENTAL BRIBERY CASE AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES, TOLD A NEWSMAN THAT "WELL-KNOWN POLITICANS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE INVOLVED IN THE CASE." FERRER WAS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE NAMES IN QUESTION WILL BE MADE PUBLIC AFTER HE FINISHES STUDYING INFORMATION HE POSSESSES WHICH HE WAS TAKING WITH HIM ON HIS FOUR-DAY TRIP TO BUENOS AIRES (AS VIASA'S GUEST ON AN INAUGURAL FLIGHT TO THAT CITY). END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT. COPEI, WHICH WAS IN POWER WHEN THE ALLEGED BRIBERY TOOK PLACE, OF COURSE WISHES TO IMPLICATE OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES IF POSSIBLE. IT SEEMS THAT FERRER, WHO HAS EMERGED AS COPEI'S SPOKESMAN ON THE BRIBERY CASE, AND WHO HAS ALREADY POINTED HIS FINGER AT AD DEPUTY AND OIL EXPERT ARTURO HERNANDEZ GRISANTI (REFTEL),

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IS SERVING NOTICE THAT THE NAMES OF ANY POLITICAN INVOLVED IN

THE CASE MADE PUBLIC BY THE CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE
WILL INCLUDE ADECOS AND OTHER NON-COPEYANOS.
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